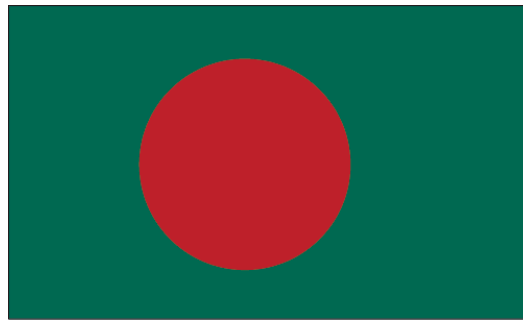




# BANGLADESH



## INTRODUCTION

The huge delta region formed at the confluence of the Ganges and Brahmaputra River systems - now referred to as Bangladesh - was a loosely incorporated outpost of various empires for much of the first millennium A.D. The Bengali independence movement, led by the Awami League (AL) and supported by India, won independence for Bangladesh in 1971.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Abdul HAMID

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Sheikh HASINA Wazed

### Government Type

parliamentary republic

### Capital

Dhaka

### Legislature

unicameral House of the Nation or Jatiya Sangsad (350 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 148,460 sq km

Land: 130,170 sq km

Water: 18,290 sq km

### Climate

tropical; mild winter (October to March); hot, humid summer (March to June); humid, warm rainy monsoon (June to October)

### Natural Resources

natural gas, arable land, timber, coal

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

one of the fastest growing economies; significant poverty reduction; COVID-19 adversely impacted female labor force participation and undermined previously stable financial conditions; looking to diversify beyond clothing industry; fairly low government debt; new taxation law struggling to increase government revenues

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$793.5 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$4,800 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - jute, cotton, garments, paper, leather, fertilizer, iron and steel, cement, petroleum products, tobacco, pharmaceuticals, ceramics, tea, salt, sugar, edible oils, soap and detergent, fabricated metal products, electricity, natural gas

**Agricultural products** - rice, potatoes, maize, sugarcane, milk, vegetables, onions, jute, mangoes/guavas, wheat

**Exports** \$38.78 billion (2020 est.)

clothing, knitwear, leather footwear (2019)

**partners:** US 15%, Germany 14%, UK 8%, Spain 7%, France 7% (2019)

**Imports** \$57.26 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, cotton, natural gas, scrap iron, wheat (2019)

**partners:** China 31%, India 15%, Singapore 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

164.1 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

0.95% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Bengali at least 98%, other indigenous ethnic groups 1.1% (2011 est.)

### Language

Bangla 98.8% (official, also known as Bengali), other 1.2% (2011 est.)

### Religion

Muslim 88.4%, other 11.6%

